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In the application of:

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance mailed on August 15, 2002, Applicant submits the following comments.

Applicant submits that the Statement of Reasons for Allowance appears to be directed to the embodiment of the invention claimed in independent claim 1. However, it does not address the embodiments of the invention claimed in the other independent claims, such as claims 17 and 23. Applicant submits that the catheters claimed in claims 17 and 23 are also not taught or fairly suggested by the prior art of record.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of these comments in the application file.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for

any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 375952000200.

Respectfully submitted,

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